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Massachusetts Electric Company

Joint Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of a three year Energy Efficiency Plan covering the period 2000-2002

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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On August 9, 2000, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company ("Companies") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") their three year Energy Efficiency Plan ("Plan") covering the period 2000-2002. The Plan was filed pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 96-25 (1996), and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 (2000) ("Guidelines"). The Plan includes programs for residential customers, including a program for low-income customers, and for commercial and industrial customers. The Companies' filing proposes budgets for these initiatives for the three-year period. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Energy Resources ("DOER"), pursuant to G.L. c. 25A, § 11G and the Guidelines at § 6.2, has reviewed the Plan and has filed a report with the Department and the Companies

("DOER Report"). The Department will investigate whether the Plan is consistent with

G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A § 11G, and the Guidelines.

A copy of the Companies' filing and DOER Report are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston,

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Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582-0099. Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing and DOER Report should contact counsel for the Companies, Amy G. Rabinowitz, Esq., at (508) 389-2975. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500, extension 1620.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Companies' filing and the DOER Report should file an original and four (4) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, October 9, 2000. One copy must also be sent to Amy Rabinowitz, Esq., Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582-0099.

Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department may also be provided electronically, by one or two means: (a) e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us using a program compatible

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with WordPerfect, naming the document file with a .wpd suffix and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of document, or

(b) diskette in a program compatible with WordPerfect 5.0 or higher, again identifying on the diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of document.

The Petitioners are required to give notice of said request for comments by publication hereof once at least fourteen (14) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Boston Globe, Worcester Telegram, Lynn Item, Eagle-Tribune (Lawrence), Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), Springfield Daily News, Patriot Ledger (Quincy), and the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, Brockton Enterprise, and Fall River Herald; to serve a copy hereof at least fourteen (14) days prior to the close of the comment period on the Chairmen, Boards of Selectmen, Mayors, and Town Clerks of the cities and towns on the attached list; and to make return of service and publication, to include the original clippings of the newspaper publications, at the close of the comment period.

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The Companies shall post by certified mail a copy of this notice and Order, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the close of the comment period to the service lists in

D. P. U./D. T. E. 97-77, and D. P. U. /D. T. E. 97-91.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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